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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Mark Miller

Representative Mark Pocan

Date: April 6, 2010

Re: Temporary Allocation of Balances Report from the Department of

Administration

Attached is a copy of a report from the Department of Administration, pursuant to s. 20.002(11)(f), Stats. The report confirms that the Department has found it necessary to exercise the "temporary reallocation of balances" authority under this section to meet payment responsibilities.

The report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

**Attachment** 

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March 31, 2010

Mr. Robert Marchant, Chief Clerk Wisconsin Senate B20 South, State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Mr. Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk Wisconsin Assembly 17 West Main Street, Room 401A Madison, WI 53702

Dear Mr. Marchant and Mr. Fuller:

This report is transmitted as required by s. 20.002(11)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, (for distribution to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172(3), Wisconsin Statutes) and confirms that the Department of Administration has found it necessary to exercise the "temporary reallocation of balances" authority provided by this section in order to meet payment responsibilities and cover resulting negative cash balances during the month of February 2010.

On February 1, 2010, the <u>Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund</u> cash balance closed at a negative \$8.9 million. This negative balance continued through February 16, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a positive \$3.7 million. The <u>Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund</u> cash balance reached its intra-month low of a negative \$9.0 million on February 8, 2010. The negative balance was due to the transfer of \$200 million to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund per 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, and the pending liquidation of fund securities necessary to offset this shortfall.

On February 1, 2010, the <u>Utility Public Benefits Fund</u> cash balance closed at a negative \$12.5 million. This negative balance continued through February 28, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a negative \$14.8 million. The <u>Utility Public</u> <u>Benefits Fund</u> cash balance reached its intra-month low of a negative \$15.2 million on February 24, 2010. The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

On February 1, 2010, the **Permanent Endowment Fund** cash balance closed at a negative \$2.0 million. This negative balance continued through February 28, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a negative \$2.0 million. The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

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On February 1, 2010, the <u>Medical Assistance Trust Fund</u> cash balance closed at a negative \$52.7 million. This negative balance continued through February 28, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a negative \$232.1 million. The <u>Medical Assistance Trust Fund</u> cash balance reached its intra-month low of a negative \$232.3 million on February 25, 2010. The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

On February 1, 2010, the **Police and Fire Protection Fund** cash balance closed at a negative \$27.8 million (its intra-month low). This negative balance continued through February 28, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a negative \$25.6 million. The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

On February 1, 2010, the **Conservation Fund** cash balance closed at a negative \$13.9 million. This negative balance continued through February 28, 2010, when the fund's cash balance closed at a negative \$28.5 million (its intra-month low). The negative balance was due to the difference in the timing of revenues and expenditures.

The Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund, Utility Public Benefits Fund, Permanent Endowment Fund, Medical Assistance Trust Fund, Police and Fire Protection Fund, and Conservation Fund shortfalls were not in excess of the statutory interfund borrowing limitations and did not exceed the balances of the funds available for interfund borrowing.

The distribution of interest earnings to investment pool participants is based on the average daily balance in the pool and each fund's share. Therefore, the monthly calculation by the State Controller's Office will automatically reflect the use of these temporary reallocations of balance authority, and as a result, the funds requiring the use of the authority will effectively bear the interest cost.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Morgan Secretary of Administration